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June, 1961.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Urban Districts of Ellesmere,
Wem and Whitchurch and the Rural Districts of Ellesmere and Wem.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the five districts for the year 1960.

The vital statistics show no significant change from previous years.

Of infectious diseases notified, whooping cough showed the highest incidence, followed by tuberculosis and measles.

For the third successive year, the mass poliomyelitis vaccination campaign initiated by the Local Health Authority received good support. The upper age limit was extended from 25 to 40 years, and whatever shyness was initially experienced from this older age group in other parts of Shropshire was not evident in the combined districts. Once again, I should like to thank the Vicars of many rural parishes, who gave invaluable help.

Indeed, 1960 may well be described as the year of mass campaigns. The mass radiography surveys in the area were all well attended, and the blood transfusion donors' session at Whitchurch showed an increased attendance. Co-operation with Officials of the appropriate regional hospital boards towards the furtherance of these schemes was excellent throughout the year. The same may be said of co-operation with the County Medical Officer and his staff, with the local hospitals, and with general practitioners.

I had the honour to serve on the Ellesmere Refugee Committee and to be associated with the Whitchurch Refugee Appeal during the year.

Finally, I wish to record my gratitude to the Public Health Inspectors for their assistance and for their reports on the sanitary conditions of the districts, to my Secretary for all the clerical work involved in the preparation of this report, and to the officials of many other departments for their assistance and cooperation.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. B. HIGGIE.

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1960

The following are the general statistics for the different districts in the area:—

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT.

Area in Acres	1,220
Population figure given by the Registrar General	2,260
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1960	751
Rateable Value 1st April, 1960	£26,702
Sum represented by a penny rate 1960-61	£111

WEM URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres	903
Population figure given by the Registrar General	2,530
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book on 1st April, 1960	863
Rateable Value 1st April, 1960	£34,365
Sum represented by a penny rate 1960-61	£137

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres	6,053
Population figure given by the Registrar General	7,050
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1960	2,294
Rateable Value 1st April, 1960	£90,598
Sum represented by a penny rate 1960-61	£364

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

Area in Acres	48,253
Population figure given by the Registrar General	8,090
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1960	2,042
Rateable Value 1st April, 1960	£56,418
Sum represented by a penny rate 1960-61	£219

WEM RURAL DISTRICT

Area in Acres	60,343
Population figure given by the Registrar General	12,390
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1960	3,213
Rateable Value 1st April, 1960	£123,597
Sum represented by a penny rate 1960-61	£501

VITAL STATISTICS

	E/mere U.D.	Wem U.D.	W/church U.D.	E/mere R.D.	Wem R.D.
Live Births—Number	39	36	125	110	192
Rate per 1,000 Population	17.2	14.6	17.7	13.6	15.5
Illegitimate Live Births per cent					
of total Live Births	7.7	2.8	2.4	3.6	5.2
Stillbirths—Number	0	3	3	1	6
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	0	76.9	23.4	9.0	30.3
Total Live and Still Births	39	39	128	111	198
Infant Deaths	0	0	2	1	4
Infant Mortality Rates—					
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	0	0	16.0	9.1	20.8
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	0	0	16.4	9.4	21.9
Illegitimate Infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	0	0	0	0
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	0	0	8.0	0	10.4
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	0	0	8.0	0	5.2
Perinatal Mortality Rate	0	76.9	31.2	9.0	35.3
Maternal Mortality					
Number of Deaths	0	1	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	0	25.6	0	0	0

POPULATION

The excess of births over deaths in the combined districts totalled 131.

Districts	Estimated Mid-Year Population			Difference
	1958	1959	1960	
Ellesmere Urban	2,250	2,260	2,260	0
Wem Urban.....	2,550	2,550	2,530	—20
Whitchurch Urban	7,030	7,030	7,050	+20
Ellesmere Rural	8,720	8,360	8,090	—270
Wem Rural	12,510	12,500	12,390	—110
Total	33,060	32,700	32,320	—380

BIRTHS

(a) **Live Births**—The Live Birth Rate for England and Wales was 17.1.

Districts	No. of Live Births, 1960			Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Corrected Birth Rate
	Male	Female	Total		
Ellesmere Urban	20	19	39	17.2	17.2
Wem Urban	16	20	36	14.6	15.4
Whitchurch Urban	67	58	125	17.7	18.5
Ellesmere Rural	63	47	110	13.6	15.5
Wem Rural	93	99	192	15.5	16.5
Combined Districts	259	243	502	15.5	—

(b) **Still Births**—The number of stillbirths showed little change from 1959. The stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths for England and Wales was 19.7.

The total number recorded in the combined districts was 13, giving a still-birth rate of 25.2.

Districts	No. of Still-Births		
	1958	1959	1960
Ellesmere Urban	1	1	0
Wem Urban	2	3	3
Whitchurch Urban	4	2	3
Ellesmere Rural	1	0	1
Wem Rural	4	6	6
Total	12	12	13

(c) **Illegitimate Births**—4.2% of all births during the year were illegitimate, compared with 3.7% in 1959 and 5.3% in 1958. 5.4% of all births in England and Wales were illegitimate during 1960.

Districts	No. of Illegitimate Births		
	1958	1959	1960
Ellesmere Urban	2	2	3
Wem Urban	2	1	1
Whitchurch Urban	9	1	3
Ellesmere Rural	7	2	4
Wem Rural	6	13	10
Total	26	19	21

DEATHS

(a) **All Causes**

The number of deaths registered in the combined districts during the year was 371, a decrease of 6 on the 1959 figure. By applying the area comparability factor, the corrected death rates can be compared with the crude death rate for England and Wales, which was 11.5.

Districts	No. of Deaths			Death Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Corrected Death Rate
	Male	Female	Total		
Ellesmere Urban	10	17	27	11.9	10.1
Wem Urban	16	17	33	13.0	11.4
Whitchurch Urban	44	67	111	15.7	12.2
Ellesmere Rural	30	41	71	8.7	10.0
Wem Rural	74	55	129	10.4	10.9
Total	174	197	371	11.4	—

Over one third of all deaths were attributable to diseases of the heart and arteries. Cancer as a cause of death accounted for 59, and vascular lesions of the nervous system 62. Deaths from lung cancer in the combined districts rose, 14 deaths in 1960, compared with 8 in 1959 and 8 in 1958. Fortunately the deaths from suicide have been reduced from 7 in 1959 to 4 in 1960. The deaths from motor vehicle accidents have remained stationary—7 in 1960, 7 in 1959,

(b) **Infant Mortality**

There were 7 deaths notified in the first year of life, this being one higher than the total of 6 for the previous year.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the combined districts was 13.9 per 1,000 live births. The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 21.7 per 1,000 live births and was the lowest ever recorded in this country. It was 0.5 per 1,000 below that for 1959, the previous lowest.

(c) **Maternal Mortality**

One death attributable to abortion was recorded during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE	Ellesmere U.D.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Wem R.D.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—	—	—	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	—	—	—	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	1	1	2	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	1	5	3	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	—	3	—	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	—	—	—	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	3	8	8	6
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—	1	1
Diabetes	—	1	2	1	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	4	3	17	14	24
Coronary disease, angina	6	8	11	15	17
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	4	1	3
Other heart disease	3	4	18	12	25
Other circulatory disease	—	1	9	7	3
Influenza	—	—	—	1	1
Pneumonia	2	2	4	2	4
Bronchitis	1	—	6	—	2
Other diseases of the Respiratory system	—	—	—	—	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	—	—	1	1	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	—	—	—	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	—	2	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	—	—	3
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	1	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	—	—	2	—	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	2	1	18	2	12
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	1	—	3
All other accidents	—	1	1	1	5
Suicide	1	—	—	1	2
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—	—	—
All causes	27	33	111	71	129

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Notifiable Disease	Ellesmere U.D.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Wem R.D.	Total
Whooping Cough	—	—	12	—	12	24
Measles	5	—	4	1	3	13
Pneumonia	—	2	1	1	3	7
Scarlet Fever	2	3	2	3	2	12
Dysentery	—	—	1	—	5	6
Food Poisoning	1	—	—	3	—	4
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlatina	—	—	1	1	3	5
Meningococcal Infections	1	1	—	—	—	2
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	1	2	5	4	13
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	—	—	—	2	3	5
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	1	1

Measles

IN EPIDEMIC FORM

This disease occurs in alternate years, the last big outbreak occurring in 1959. May is usually the month in which measles occurs but, as expected, there were few notifications in 1960 during May. In December 1960, however, notifications began to pour in. The epidemic came at an unexpected time of the year, and became prolonged. It was severe, and several cases occurred in children who had suffered from measles previously—a most unusual occurrence. Where measles occurred in a child for the second time, the second attack was almost invariably worse than the first one had been. The frequency of a second attack of measles was partly responsible for a higher proportion of older children becoming infected in this outbreak. Whitchurch, which had almost escaped the epidemic of May 1959, was particularly hard hit by this outbreak.

Scarlet Fever

The cases notified did not appear to have been complicated by acute nephritis or osteomyelitis, as occurred in 1959.

Food Poisoning

A small outbreak occurred in the Ellesmere region during the summer. The organism was staphylococcus Aureus and was detected in tinned corned beef which had been consumed by the patients. Other cases had occurred elsewhere in the country with serious consequences in places. The celerity with which the organism was detected, and the measures which were able to be instituted in consequence in order to prevent spread, was due to prompt notification by the general practitioner concerned.

Tuberculosis

Notifications of respiratory tuberculosis during 1960 were four times the 1959 figure. There was a real increased incidence of the disease during the year, but the work of the Mass Radiography Surveys in the area (see page 19) did much good in bringing to light previously unknown cases.

Non-Notifiable Infectious Disease

During the spring and summer of 1960, the Whitchurch and Ellesmere regions suffered a mild outbreak of Bornholm disease. Usually this manifested itself as a respiratory disorder, but one case developed a Meningococcal infection.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Vaccination against Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis, Smallpox and Tuberculosis, as well as Immunisation against Diptheria and Tetanus were carried out by General Practitioners, and by Clinic Doctors working in Local Health Authority Clinics and Schools in the area.

The County Medical Officer of Health has kindly supplied the numbers of each carried out in the various districts. Figures for Poliomyelitis include, for the first time, those up to 40 years of age who chose to accept vaccination.

In addition to the extension of the campaign against Poliomyelitis, the numbers vaccinated and immunised against other diseases continued to be good.

Figures inserted in brackets give the 1959 figures for purposes of comparison.

PRIMARY VACCINATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[25] 23	[16] 12	[12] 1	[18] 31	[4] 4
General Practitioners	[2] 27	[57] 101	[50] 63	[111] 175	[58] 69
TOTALS	[27] 50	[73] 113	[62] 64	[129] 206	[62] 73

PRIMARY IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[29] 37	[17] 34	[21] 5	[13] 41	[4] 17
General Practitioners	[4] 38	[79] 126	[53] 61	[130] 179	[56] 86
TOTALS	[33] 75	[96] 160	[74] 66	[143] 220	[60] 103

RE-IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[24] 61	[74] 156	[40] 10	[89] 131	[23] 99
General Practitioners	[1] 5	[18] 53	[41] 71	[43] 116	[15] 69
TOTALS	[25] 66	[92] 209	[81] 81	[132] 247	[38] 168

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS
Personnel who received two injections

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	(224) 200	(464) 462	(344) 65	(87) 417	(173) 264
General Practitioners	(216) 63	(375) 199	(516) 129	(194) 454	(345) 316
TOTALS	(440) 263	(839) 661	(860) 194	(281) 871	(518) 580

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS
Personnel who received three injections

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	(527) 161	(1020) 273	(322) 35	(147) 289	(606) 136
General Practitioners	(150) 50	(389) 220	(407) 174	(936) 537	(614) 313
TOTALS	(677) 211	(1409) 493	(729) 209	(1083) 826	(1220) 449

PRIMARY AND RE-VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[26] 5	[23] 21	[2] 0	[14] 12	[1] 15
General Practitioners	[34] 9	[90] 75	[58] 83	[148] 115	[80] 106
TOTALS	[60] 14	[113] 96	[60] 83	[162] 127	[81] 121

IMMUNISATION AGAINST TETANUS

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[6] 34	[35] 52	[0] 3	[0] 19	[0] 14
General Practitioners	[1] 3	[37] 10	[26] 4	[160] 2	[14] 9
TOTALS	[7] 37	[72] 62	[26] 7	[160] 21	[14] 23

VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS—B.C.G.

From September 1959, the Ministry indicated that personel in the 14-18 year group were now eligible for B.C.G. vaccination. The figures given include those dealt with in that age group, together with those of the 13 year olds. All the work was done by County Council Medical Officers.

Schools of the Undermentioned Areas	Number given Mantoux Test	Number of Positive Reactors to Mantoux Test	Number of Negative Reactors to Mantoux Test	Number of Persons who received B.C.G.
Ellesmere Urban and Ellesmere Rural	302 (620)	41 (120)	261 (354)	247 (334)
Wem Urban and Wem Rural	179 (206)	37 (50)	140 (145)	133 (121)
Whitchurch Urban	122 (329)	19 (90)	101 (226)	93 (211)

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

Following the discovery of Tuberculosis in a porter at Ellesmere College, special arrangements were made to x-ray or Mantoux test the boys and staff of of the school. 240 persons had their chest x-rayed. 135 boys were Mantoux tested, 79 of whom were found to be positive; these boys had their chest x-rayed. The 56 negative reactors received B.C.G.

YELLOW FEVER

During the year 1960, the County Health Department became a recognised centre for the administration of the Yellow Fever vaccine. A fee of 11/- is charged to each client who receives the vaccine.

TRIPLE ANTIGEN

During 1960, combined antigen against Whooping Cough, Diphtheria and Tetanus was used by some general practitioners of the area. The amount of triple antigen given in the N.W. combined districts was as follows :

ELLESMERE URBAN	9
ELLESMERE RURAL	75
WEM URBAN	61
WEM RURAL	139
WHITCHURCH	61

Combined antigens were not issued by Local Authority Clinics in 1960, but under very exceptional circumstances it was given to one child at Whitchurch Clinic.

CLINICS AND HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICTS

TUBERCULOSIS.

The Chest Physician attends at—

Whitchurch, 27 St. Mary's Street, the first Friday in each month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Copthorne Hospital every Tuesday from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

Facilities for Treatment—Clinics.

Shrewsbury, 1, Belmont, Shrewsbury. Tuesdays and Fridays: Men—6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays: Women—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICTS.

Deermoss Hospital, Whitchurch.

Ellesmere Cottage Hospital.

Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

Cases of Enteric Fevers, Meningitis, Acute Poliomyelitis or Acute Encephalitis are treated at Copthorne Hospital, while Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury, admits other cases of Infectious Disease, such as Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Measles, Whooping Cough, etc.

Other hospitals which provide accommodation for the districts are:—
 The Cross Houses Hospital, Shrewsbury.
 The Royal Salop Infirmary.
 The Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.
 The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Park Hall,
 Oswestry.
 Shelton Hospital, Shrewsbury.

All these hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

In addition, the Maelor General Hospital and the War Memorial Hospital, both in Wrexham, receive patients from the Northern parts of the districts. These hospitals are administered by the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CLINICS.

Under the National Health Service Act of 1946, the Salop County Council, as the Local Health Authority, became responsible for the administration of the following services, amongst others, within the County:—

Care of Mothers and Young Children :

Baschurch — Old Orthopaedic Hospital

Child Welfare	}	Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
and		
Immunisation		

Medical Officer in attendance on the first Tuesday in every month.

Ellesmere — Brownlow Road

Ante-Natal	}	Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
Child Welfare		First Tuesday in the month
and		9.30 a.m. — 12 noon
Immunisation		

Medical Officer in attendance first Tuesday in the month for both morning and afternoon sessions, on the third Tuesday afternoon in the month, and on the fifth afternoon in the month when there is a fifth Tuesday.

Shawbury — Parish Hall

Child Welfare and	}	Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
Immunisation		

Medical Officer in attendance on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Wem — The Shrubbery

Child Welfare and	}	Thursdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
Immunisation		

Medical Officer in attendance on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Whitchurch — No. 27, St. Mary's Street
Ante-Natal

Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
Midwife and Health Visitor in attendance.

Child Welfare and
Immunisation

}

Thursdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.

Medical Officer in attendance on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Salop County Council as the Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act, makes provisions for securing that ambulances and other means of transport are available for the conveyance of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness and expectant or nursing mothers, from places in its area to places in or outside its area. An ambulance depot is maintained at Whitchurch.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury. The Bacteriologist is Dr. A. C. Jones, and the Pathologist, Dr. G. Grant. This service, originally instituted as an emergency basis, is now a permanent unit at the Royal Salop Infirmary undertaking work for Local Authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. This service is invaluable particularly in the bacteriological examination of food samples in cases of suspected food poisoning.

CHEST CLINICS, ETC.

Chest clinics, speech therapy clinics, and psychiatric out-patients clinics are held regularly at the Whitchurch Clinic. Patients are seen at these sessions by appointment, and are referred by the general practitioner, the hospital consultant or the school medical officer, as the case may be.

DENTAL SESSIONS

Dental sessions are held regularly at each of the three Local Authority clinics. Patients are seen by appointment with the dental officer.

WELFARE FOODS

Each of the Local Authority clinics is open at set times for the sale of these foods. Mothers attending the clinics are informed of these times and of any local variations there may be.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 SECTION 47

The Medical Officer of Health is pleased to report that there was no need to represent compulsory removal for any of the cases investigated during the year. The Medical Officer of Health was responsible for transferring one aged person from hospital to Welfare accommodation.

DISABLED PERSONS EMPLOYMENT ACT, 1944

One case, of a disabled school leaver, was referred by a school Medical Officer for appropriate training.

OCCUPATION CENTRE

Sessions continued to be held at the Whitchurch Clinic on Tuesday mornings and afternoons during the whole of 1960, Mrs. Pugh was in charge of the centre for most of the year. An Open Day was held in the summer during Mental Health Week, when all concerned with the centre were much encouraged and stimulated by the interest shown by District Councillors and others who accepted the invitation to attend.

Mental Health Act, 1959.—The County Councillor's proposals under this Act were accepted by the Ministry.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

During 1960, the Medical Officer made several dozen such examinations on behalf of the various District Councils. The only abnormalities discovered were relatively trivial—refractive errors of the eye.

MINIATURE MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY

Although miniature mass radiography surveys have been held in the combined districts during previous years, the cooperation of the Medical Officer of Health was sought for the first time in 1960. The results of these surveys were most gratifying. Almost 2,000 people submitted themselves for chest x-ray for the units which established themselves at Ellesmere, Wem and Whitchurch. Four cases of previously unknown active Primary Tuberculosis were discovered, as were five cases of previously unknown inactive pulmonary Tuberculosis. One case of Bronchiectasis was discovered which had previously gone unrecognised and, in addition several cardiac lesions were detected, most of which were previously known to the family doctors concerned. Appropriate treatment for the fresh cases diagnosed was arranged by the Chest Clinic in conjunction with the patient's general practitioner.

DOMICILIARY HEALTH SERVICES

During 1960, seven Home Helps were employed in the N.W. combined districts. They provide an invaluable service by enabling patients to remain at home during times of pregnancy and illness, and also by caring for the disabled and aged infirm.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION

The Medical Officer of Health offered his services to the appropriate department of the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board by aiding the voluntary organisers to obtain more donors. This was welcomed, and at the November Donor Session at Whitchurch during 1960, a record number of 128 persons attended and gave a pint of blood each.

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Districts				Deaths of infants under 1 month	Total infant deaths	Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births
ELLESMERE U.D.	..	..	..	0	0	0
WEM U.D.	..	..	..	0	0	0
WHITCHURCH U.D.	..	..	..	1	2	8.0
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	1	2	5.0
ELLESMERE R.D.	..	..	..	0	1	0
WEM R.D.	..	..	..	2	4	10.4
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	2	5	6.6

CANCER

Districts				Deaths		Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
				M	F		
ELLESMERE U.D.	..	..	..	2	3	5	2.21
WEM U.D.	..	..	..	6	3	9	3.55
WHITCHURCH U.D.	..	..	..	8	7	15	2.12
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	16	13	29	2.44
ELLESMERE R.D.	..	..	..	4	7	11	1.36
WEM R.D.	..	..	..	9	10	19	1.53
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	13	17	30	1.46

TUBERCULOSIS
ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1960

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Cured	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Left District	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1960:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
4	6	2	2	6	8

Number of Primary Notifications in 1960—ONE.

WEM URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1960

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Cured	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	1
Left District	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1960:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
5	3	1	2	6	5

Number of Primary Notifications in 1960—ONE

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1960

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	1	1	-	-	1	1
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	1	1	-	-	1	1
TOTALS	..	..	2	2	-	-	2	2
Cured	..	..	1	1	-	-	1	1
Left District	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Deaths	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1960:

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
20	20	10	5	30	25

Number of Primary Notifications in 1960—TWO.

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1960

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	5	—	2	—	7	—
Service Cases ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers ..	..	..	1	1	1	—	2	1
TOTALS ..	..	..	6	1	3	—	9	1
Cured ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Left District ..	..	..	—	1	—	—	—	1
Deaths ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1960:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
18	8	8	2	26	10

Number of Primary Notifications in 1960— SEVEN.

WEM RURAL DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1960

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	3	—	1	3	4	3
Service Cases ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers ..	..	..	—	—	1	1	1	1
TOTALS ..	..	..	3	—	2	4	5	4
Cured ..	..	..	3	3	3	—	6	3
Left District ..	..	..	2	3	1	3	3	6
Deaths ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1960:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
24	15	11	7	35	22

Number of Primary Notifications in 1960—SEVEN.

TUBERCULOSIS
TABLE SHOWING NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE COMBINED DISTRICTS
FOR THE YEAR

	Respiratory		Total	Non-respiratory		Total	Total of all Notifications
	M.	F.		M.	F.		
Ellesmere U.D. ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Wem U.D. ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Whitchurch U.D. ..	1	1	2	—	—	—	2
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS ..	3	1	4	—	—	—	4
Ellesmere R.D. ..	5	—	5	2	—	2	7
Wem R.D. ..	3	—	3	1	3	4	7
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS ..	8	—	8	3	3	6	14

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1960

Water Supply

The whole of the Urban District Council's area is supplied with water, purchased in bulk, from the Liverpool Corporation Lake Vyrnwy Aqueduct, the Urban Council's 8" main being taken off at the Liverpool Corporation Trench Road Waterworks Depot. The Urban Council area is piped throughout, the 8" main starting at the Trench Road Valve House and terminating in the Ellesmere Town Square.

The distributing mains are of 4" and 3" in diameter and all mains are of cast iron, with socket and spigot pipes, lead and yarn jointed.

In several instances the mains are continued beyond the Urban Council's district boundaries to provide supplies in the surrounding Rural Council area.

Consumers within the Urban Council area are supplied direct, if of a domestic nature, on a rateable value basis; while farm and trade consumers are supplied through meters.

During the year under review, no major breakdowns in the water main system has occurred, the repairs being confined to the renewal of corroded service pipes between the mains and Council owned stoptaps. No new lengths of of main were laid during the year.

Table of Water Consumption

The total quantity of water supplied through the Council's main's meter at the Trench Road Valve House is given in the following tabular statement, which also gives the distribution of the bulk supply.

Total registered on the mains meter	48,750,000 galls.
Urban Council Meter Consumers	17,325,000 "
Urban Council Non-Meter Consumers	22,842,000 "
Ellesmere Rural Meters	8,583,000 "
Number of houses in the District	752
Number of houses supplied direct from mains	752
Number of houses supplied by standpipe.....	0
Estimated population supplied by standpipe.....	0
Estimated total population	2,254
Number of houses supplied by private system	0
Population supplied by private system	0
Water Undertaking Authority — Ellesmere Urban Council.	
Private Water Undertakings	0

Water supply unsatisfactory in quantity	0
Water supply unsatisfactory in quality	0
Water supply unsatisfactory in pressure	0
Number of bacteriological examinations	0
Number of samples for chemical analysis	0

There are no reservoirs or storage tanks within the Urban Council system, all water being taken direct from the Liverpool Corporation Lake Vyrnwy mains and supplied direct to the consumers through the continuous Urban Council main system, neither is any form of treatment necessary, the water not being exposed to any risk of outside contamination between entering the Urban Council main and being received by the consumer.

The Ellesmere Rural District Ciuncil area is still supplied in several parts by supplies delivered through Urban Council mains, and whilst the consumption figures for the year under review, there will probably be a greater demand from the Rural area in the year ahead.

Sewage and Sewerage

The major part of the town is sewered on a partially separate system to the Wharf Meadow sewage works where it is first received at the pumping station, and after screening and passing through detritus tanks is delivered into compressed air ejectors and delivered to the final purification and disposal section of the works.

The Elson area of the town, part of Trimpley, also the greater part of the Council Housing Estates are sewered on a combined system discharging to the Old Newnes Brook Works, which is a gravity flow system, no pumping being involved, whilst part of the Council Housing Estates discharge on a partially separate system to the New Newnes Brook Works where the settled effluents are raised by pumping before discharging onto the filters. The Council has under discussion a scheme for terminating both the Newnes Brook Works as sewage disposal stations, in which these stations would be combined as a pumping station to deliver the sewage to the Wharf Meadow disposal Station for final disposal, thereby reducing the present three disposal works to one.

The Mereside area, which is below the Town main sewer level, is sewer-ed to the Mereside No. 1 and Mereside No. 2 pumping stations, the soil sewage being delivered to the Church Street sewer on the main sewer system discharg-ing to the Wharf Works.

A small area in the Swan Hill part of the town which is below the level of the main sewer is also under consideration for the installation of a collecting and pumping station similar to the Mereside No. 2 sewage receiving and pump-ing station which will, if installed, deliver to the Wharf Works.

Public Lavatories

Public Lavatories in the Town area are situate in Cross Street and Scot-land Street, the Brownlow Yard accommodation having been discontinued. The Cross Street Lavatories are of modern construction and provide accommodation for both sexes. The standard of the Scotland Street Lavatories is very poor,

Public Lavatories for both sexes are also situate at the Mereside and similar accommodation is provided in the Cremorne Gardens for general public use, also in the Cremorne Childrens' Playground for childrens' use.

Disinfections

The disinfection of a hut and its contents was carried out. Formaldehyde spray followed by a 24 hour exposure to Formaldehyde gas.

Housing

Number of new houses built (Council)	0
Number of new houses built (Private)	9
Number of Improvement Grant applications received	5
Number of Improvement Grant applications granted	4
Number of Improvement Grant applications refused	1
Number of Improvement Grant applications completed	4
Number of Improvement Grant applications outstanding	0
Number of houses reported unfit for human habitation	0
Number of unfit houses still inhabited	15
Number of houses rendered fit for human habitation	3
Number of unfit houses empty	1
Number of houses unfit but not used for human habitation	2
Number of unfit houses demolished	3
Number of families remaining to be re-housed	14
Number of houses reported for minor defects	68
Number of unfit houses remaining to be demolished	16
Number of houses with minor defects remedied	68
Number of houses reported for being dirty	0
Number of houses reported for being verminous	0

Meat and Food Preparing Places

Within the area of the Urban District Council there are no slaughter-houses or knacker's yards.

All meat and offals are distributed from central slaughtering and meat depots to the shops in metal lined closed vans capable of being thoroughly cleaned and sterilized and kept closed during transit. All offals are transported in metal containers. The personnels employed in the distribution of the meat and offals wear waterproof aprons, overalls and caps.

Many improvements in the shops have been carried out to protect and cover foodstuffs exposed for sale, with a continued increase in the installation of refrigerators and wrapped foodstuffs, whilst the habits and clothing of people engaged in the handling and selling of foodstuffs is of a high standard of cleanliness.

Foodstuffs condemned during the year as being unfit for human food, and which has been surrendered for destruction and destroyed were as follows :

Cooked Tinned Ham, 52½lbs.; Wet Fish, 12½lbs.; Tinned Tongue, 6lbs.; Tinned Beef, 48lbs.

Bakehouses

During the year 16 visits have been made to bakehouses. The number of bakehouses within the Urban area are four small private business bakehouses, most of the bread sold within the area is supplied by large wholesale bakery firms not treated within the Urban area. Generally the bakehouses are kept in good cleanly conditions. The water supply was found to be faulty in one due to corroded pipes which have been renewed.

Fried Fish and Chipped Potato Shops

The number of shops of this description within the Urban Area remains at two. Eight visits have been made to these premises when they were found to be cleaned and well conducted. The litter complaints regarding these shops is maintained much better than a few years ago.

Cafés, Restaurants and Hotels

Within the Urban Area there are two hotels, seven cafés, restaurants and snack bars which cater for public needs. One restaurant was the subject of several complaints regarding the low standard of catering work, which has been corrected by putting this particular business under the management of a new tenant who has completely changed the services to the public and put it on a very much improved standard and is now giving complete satisfaction to all concerned.

Mortuary

This building is entirely under the control of the Urban Council. It is situate within the curtilage of the Local Police Station at The Limes, Willow Street.

The conditions of use remain unchanged, Urban residents having the free use of the service when required, a charge being made to all other users not contributing to its upkeep by being non-contributory through the Urban rate charges. Routine cleansing and disinfections are regularly carried out in addition to this service being carried out after each occasion when the building has been in use.

The building has been used on four occasions, two being Urban and two Rural Council cases.

Dirty and Verminous Premises

No complaints of dirty or verminous premises in person have been received during the year, and no such cases have been discovered during house inspection.

Pest Acts

Duties under these Acts continue to be carried out by a part-time operator with additional assistance as and when necessary.

Visiting Ministry Officers have expressed approval of the way in which this work is done. The treatments used comprise arsenic, Zinc Phosphide, Cyanide, and Warfarin. All poisons are kept under strict control and selected members of the Surveyor's Staff are the only ones permitted access to them and who have been instructed in their proper use and dangers.

Number of premises found infested with rats.....	8
Number of premises found infested with mice.....	1
Number of visits and re-visits.....	192
Number of visits to Council sewage works.....	264
Number of visits to Council refuse tips.....	264
Number of soil manholes baited.....	15
Number of soil manholes visited.....	45
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Total	789
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ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

URBAN DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	22	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	—	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	8	22	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	1	—	—	1	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	1	—	—	1	—

WEM URBAN DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1960
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply

Water for domestic and trade purposes is supplied from the Council's water works at Preston Brockhurst. The supply is good in both quality and quantity. The area of supply covers the whole of the Urban District, only one house not being supplied from the mains. In addition, parts of the Wem Rural District are supplied from the Urban District Council source.

Consumption during the year was 49,092,000 gallons.

The number of dwellings supplied direct from water mains are.....	867
(a) direct to houses.....	849
(b) by standpipes.....	18
The number of population supplied by water mains (estimated).....	2550
(a) direct to houses.....	2513
(b) by means of standpipes	37

Following complaints of green discolouration in kettles, two water samples were taken from Council houses. The copper content, 0.6 and 0.2 parts per million, was considered by the analyst to be below the danger level. Further samples will be taken.

Swimming Baths

There are no swimming baths in the Urban District.

Housing

At the end of the year a small estate of 7 old people's bungalows was under construction. When these properties are completed the Council will own a total of 328 houses and flats.

11 privately owned houses were built during the year and 12 are in course of erection.

Slum Clearance

During the year 7 houses have been dealt with as follows :

Number demolished.....	6
Number closed.....	1

Drainage and Sewerage

Number of houses connected to public sewers.....	829
Number of houses with private sewage disposal arrangements.....	38
Number of privies or earth closets converted to water closets.....	0
Number of houses without a water closet.....	15

A new Sewage Disposal Works of advanced design was completed during the year.

Public Conveniences

There are four Public Conveniences in the District which are located in the Market Hall and Recreation Ground.

Moveable Dwellings

Number of licenses issued.....	2
Number of inspections.....	4

Food Premises in Area

Bakers	7
Butchers	7
Cafés and Restaurants	4
Dairies	1
Fried Fish Shops.....	1
Fishmongers	1
Grocers	18
Sweet Shops	6

Registered Food Premises

Number of premises	21
Number of inspections	21
Number of defects found	0

Other Food Premises

Number of premises	59
Number of inspections	66
Number still requiring alterations or improvements	1
Number of defects found	2
Number of defects remedied	1

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949-54

Dairies	1
Milk Vending Machines.....	1

During the year the duty of licensing the dairies was transferred to the County Council.

Ice Cream Premises

There is only one manufacturer in the area; the others sell pre-packed ice cream.

18 inspections were made in all.

Education Activity

A clean Food Exhibition was held in the Town Hall in March.

Disposal of Condemned Food

The small quantity of unfit food which was voluntarily surrendered during the year was disposed of at the refuse tip.

Slaughterhouses, Butchers and Meat Inspections

There were two licensed slaughterhouses in the district at the end of the year; both complied with the standards of the new slaughterhouse legislation. 5 slaughtermen were licensed by the Council. 145 visits were made to the two slaughterhouses and eight butchers' shops in the area.

Carcases Inspected.				Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	.....	.....		51	9	—	123	135	—
Number inspected	.....	.....		45	9	—	115	127	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.									
Whole carcases condemned	.....			—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	.....			8	2	—	2	1	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	.....			17.7	22.2	—	1.7	0.7	—
Tuberculosis only.									
Whole carcases condemned	.....			—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	.....			—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	.....			—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticerci	.....	.....	.....	—	—	—	—	—	—

14lbs. of meat and 60lbs. of offal were condemned.

Food Condemned during the Year (excluding meat condemned at slaughter-houses)

Canned Foods

Meat 67lbs. 10oz.

Other Foods

Home killed Pork 10lbs.

Home killed Offal 24½lbs.

Skimmed Milk Powder 56lb.

Shops Act 1950

14 inspections were made during the year and the conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no premises of this nature in the district.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Collection and disposal of refuse is carried out by direct labour. The refuse is tipped into a disused quarry at Grinshill, the property of the Wem Rural District Council.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Inspections of premises under this Act were carried out as follows :

Number of properties inspected.....	81
(a) Council properties.....	16
(b) Dwelling houses.....	19
(c) Agricultural premises	9
(d) Other premises, including business and industrial.....	37
Number of properties found to be infested with rats (including Council property).....	16
Number of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act.....	0
Number of properties cleared of rats (excluding Council property)	15
Number of premises where rodent control was in progress by occupiers at the end of the year.....	1

Rodent control at the Sewage Disposal Works is carried out by the Council's Workmen.

Nuisances

33 visits were made with regard to nuisances which arose from blocked and defective drainage systems, grit emission from chimneys and the keeping of animals.

Verminous Premises

3 houses in the district were found to be verminous and disinfestation was carried out.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

One licence to keep a Pet Shop was issued in December.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

URBAN DISTRICT OF WEM IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities†	2	6	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	32	52	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ‡ (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	3	—	—
TOTAL ..	37	61	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	3	4	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	3	4	—	1	—

† To prevent any difference between the lists kept respectively by the Local Authorities and H.M. Inspectors of Factories of the numbers of factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the Factories Act, 1937 are enforced by Local Authorities, it is requested that Local Authorities should compare their lists of factories with the lists kept by H.M. Inspectors of Factories.

‡ i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103 (1)), Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1960 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS AND OF NOTICES SERVED DURING 1960

NATURE of INSPECTION	No. of visits
General Sanitation :	
Water supply and sampling.....	6
Drainage	48
Common Lodging House.....	2
Tents, vans and sheds.....	6
Factories	40
Theatres and other places of entertainment.....	6
Refuse collection and disposal.....	123
Rodent control.....	50
Pet Shops	4
Miscellaneous sanitary visits.....	404
Under Public Health Act, 1936 :	
Number of houses inspected.....	29
Number of revisits.....	43
Under Housing and Rent Acts :	
Number of houses inspected.....	28
Number of revisits.....	10
Under the Clean Air Act, 1956 :	
Number of premises visited.....	5
Number of smoke observations made.....	16
Council Houses :	
Number of visits.....	1,127
Number of Council House applicants visited.....	56
Infectious Diseases :	
Enquiries	5
Visits	15
Disinfections	8
Meat and Food Inspection and Food Premises :	
Inspection of meat at slaughterhouse.....	335
Premises Inspected :	
Butchers shops and stalls.....	50
Fishmongers and Poulterers.....	40
Grocers	128
Greengrocers	21
Ice Cream Premises.....	42
Restaurants and dining rooms.....	43
Fried fish shops.....	6
Bakehouses	54
Weekly produce market.....	50

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S NOTICES SERVED :

Under Public Health Act, 1936 :

Informal notices served.....	55
Compiled	30
Formal notices served.....	5

Under Housing Act, 1957 :

Informal notices served.....	—
Complied	—
Formal notices served.....	—

Under Food and Drugs Act, 1955—Section 13 :

Informal notices served.....	13
Complied	7

RAINFALL

The total rainfall for the year was 35.71 inches as compared with 29.30 inches for 1959, as recorded at Pauls Moss, Whitchurch.

The average yearly rainfall over the past 52 years is 28.57 inches.

The wettest month was August with 4.47 inches and the driest was April, with 1.32 inches. The maximum rainfall in 24 hours was 1.02 inches on 12th May.

TEMPERATURE

The average temperatures for the year in degrees fahrenheit, as recorded at Pauls Moss, Whitchurch, were as follows :

	1958	1959	1960
January	36.1	31.8	38.0
February	38.0	39.8	37.5
March	36.8	45.5	41.9
April	43.0	49.5	47.2
May	53.1	55.8	55.7
June	58.0	60.1	62.1
July	59.4	62.0	59.6
August	59.3	62.4	57.1
September	56.9	57.4	55.1
October	48.7	53.6	49.3
November	41.1	42.1	43.3
December	37.1	40.6	35.9
Average temperature for year.....	47.3	50.1	48.6

The maximum temperature recorded was 87 deg. F., on 22nd June and the minimum was 2 deg. F., on 13th January and 6th November,

WATER SUPPLY

The total water consumed during the year was 120,462,000 gallons, or an average of 329,131 gallons per day. This is a decrease of 6,661 gallons per day or 1.98% off the consumption for 1959.

The supply is treated with chlorine and an average residual of less than 0.10 p.p.m. is maintained in the town.

Samples of tap water were taken regularly from various points in the town and all showed a very good, pure supply of water.

WATER ACT, 1945 and LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Miscellaneous Provisions) ACT, 1953 :

One informal notice was served under the Byelaws for preventing wastage of water . This was complied with.

SWIMMING BATH

The only swimming bath in the Urban District is a tiled bath, size 48ft. x 24ft., which was erected in 1892.

The water for filling is taken from the town supply and treated by filtration and chlorination. The turnover period is 4½ hours.

Sixteen bacteriological samples were taken during the year, one of these proved to be unsatisfactory.

The bath was open to the public from 25th April to 1st October, during which period there were 22,287 attendances.

The following table shows the attendances at the bath during the last four years :—

	1957	1958	1959	1960
Total attendances from Schools	6,158	6,525	9,515	8,496
Boy Scouts.....	117	—	—	—
Slipper Baths	315	266	267	261
Youth Clubs, etc.	—	—	—	591
Other attendances	12,577	13,583	13,102	12,939
Totals	19,167	20,374	22,884	22,287

SEWAGE WORKS

The Sewage Works at the Rising Sun is now in full operation. The flow to the works is in excess of that anticipated which results in the Bacteria Beds working full time. Consequently the sample effluents are not up to the standard desired and this aspect is being thoroughly investigated. The house on the Works for the Foreman has been commenced and should be ready early summer.

GENERAL DRAINAGE

No serious trouble has been encountered during the year other than normal blockages, principally on Council Housing Estates.

GENERAL REMARKS

The general standards of sanitation and hygiene of the District is satisfactory and gradually improving due in the main to the sound work being done by the Officers of the Public Health Department. Most of the work is done informally and in the majority of cases co-operation has been achieved.

HOUSING**Council-Owned Houses :**

Number of houses completed during the year	2
Number of flats completed during the year	—
Number of houses in course of erection at end of year	1
Number of flats in course of erection at end of year	8

The Council now own 684 houses and flats. The number of complaints received and dealt with during the year totalled 1,223.

Privately-Owned Houses :

Number of houses completed at end of year	24
Number of houses in course of erection at end of year	9

HOUSING ACT, 1957—SLUM CLEARANCE

The five year housing programme which should have been completed by August, 1960, has not yet been completed, this being mainly due to the shortage of housing accommodation. It is hoped that following the erection of further housing that the present five year housing programme will be completed; a further programme will then be prepared.

The majority of outstanding unfit houses are in the Newtown Street area, which will, ultimately, form a redevelopment area.

During the year 12 houses have been dealt with as follows :—	
Demolished	3
Closed	9

RENT ACT, 1957

During the year six applications for Improvement Grants were approved by the Council; four Standard and Two Discretionary Improvement Grants.

Two applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair. An undertaking to carry out the work was given by the owner of one, and in the other case a Certificate was issued.

RODENT CONTROL

Rodent Control is carried out by a part-time operator and every effort is made to maintain an efficient service. A considerable amount of the operator's time is spent in the control of vermin in business premises which are under contract with the Council.

There are thirty-two such premises.

During the year there were three major infestations of rats, two on private property and one at a business premises, these were treated with Warfarin bait followed by gassing with Hydrogen Cyanide (Cymag) due mainly to interference by animals. The eradication by gassing proved to be most effective.

The following surveys and treatments were carried out during the

year :—	Surveys	Treatment
Council Properties	143	35
Business Premises	142	34
Dwelling Houses	144	33
Farms	3	—

DISINFESTATION

Following a Council House survey it was found that in several houses minor infestations of woodbeetle existed; this, in some houses necessitated the renewal of the most severely affected timbers, the remaining timber was treated with a proprietary preservative.

DISINFECTION

All books returned to the Public Library from house-holds where there had been a case of infectious disease, were disinfected before being put back into circulation.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household and trade refuse is collected four days per week. A charge is made as follows :—

Trade premises — Allowed 1 free dustbin.

Trade premises with house — Allowed 2 free dustbins.

Charge per bin (in addition

to free bin/s) — £1 6s. 0d. per annum.

Controlled tipping of refuse onto the following tips has been carried out during the year :—Tarporley Road and Brownlow Street, the former being used during the summer and the latter during the winter.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Several repairs have again been necessary to maintain the public conveniences in a reasonable condition. Much of this work has been made necessary by malicious damage.

In particular, the public conveniences in the Victoria Park have required the most attention due to vandalism; windows are constantly broken, and in order to try to prevent this wire mesh was placed over the windows but this was soon slashed and broken. Lavatory seats and door locks are also broken constantly by vandals in these conveniences.

SALVAGE

During the year 49½ tons of waste paper, 4 cwts. of rags and 6 tons 4 cwts. of iron, aluminium, etc. have been salvaged and sold.

COMMON LODGING HOUSE

A report was made to the Council early in the year recommending that the Common Lodging-House should not be re-registered as a suitable premises, and further that the keeper-in-charge, not being capable of proper supervision of the Byelaws pertaining to Common Lodging Houses, should not be re-registered. This Common Lodging House has now been closed. There are no more within the District.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

During the year one complaint was received regarding a smoke nuisance. This was investigated and the nuisance abated.

Several observations have been made throughout the year and it is noted that no smoke emission has occurred sufficient to produce a nuisance.

At present smoke observations are based on the Ringelmann Chart, and no emission has exceeded shade 2 density.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

This Council is the Authority for the enforcement of those provisions of the Act relating to ventilation, temperature and sanitary accommodation. No cases are known where arrangements in this respect are unsatisfactory.

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

A notice was served regarding the conditions to the sanitary accommodation at one local place of entertainment. Work has been carried out and some improvement attained. However, the premises concerned is in need of complete re-decoration and this item has been temporarily deferred.

The other place of entertainment remains satisfactory.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two persons are licensed to keep pets in this District, both these premises are satisfactory.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 and 1936

32 premises are licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit in this District.

SMITHFIELD

The Smithfield used on Mondays and Fridays on alternate weeks by two local firms of Auctioneers is owned by this Council. The pens, selling ring, etc., are thoroughly cleansed and disinfected after use with an approved solution of disinfectant, and an adequate vehicle washing bay is available.

The Smithfield was closed from November 6th onwards due to foot and Mouth Disease restrictions.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1933 and 1954

Two persons applied for a slaughterman's licence and eight persons applied for renewals during the year.

PUBLIC ABATTOIR

Following a review of the existing abattoir facilities and consultation with interested organisations, a report was submitted by the Council to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries pursuant to Section 3 (1) of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.

The improvements envisaged are extensive and it is anticipated that upon completion the abattoir can increase its throughput with maximum efficiency.

FOOD PREMISES**FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955**

Further improvements were made to food premises, particularly bake-houses, which have required considerable repairs.

Unfortunately, however, the improved structural conditions of food premises has not produced satisfactory hygienic standards. During the year several bacteriological samples were taken of table tops, food preparation tables, bacon slicers, cooked food trays, knives, etc., and forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory, Shrewsbury, for bacteriological analysis. The majority of the results were very unsatisfactory and, therefore, indicative of a poor standard of hygiene. It is most important that the proprietors of food premises devote more attention to food hygiene and hygienic food handling. Every effort is made by the department to secure these standards, with emphasis on hand washing, the provision of adequate clean towels, supplies of soap and protective clothing maintained.

Throughout the country food poisoning and dysentery outbreaks are ever increasing and the need for efficient hygienic practise is of vital importance, especially in food premises for the sale of cooked and perishable foods.

Two complaints were received regarding food not being of the nature, quality or substance demanded, and reported to the Food and Drugs Authority for legal action. The offenders were summoned before the Whitchurch Magistrates Court, where both pleaded guilty and were given an absolute discharge on payment of costs.

In conclusion, however, it can be stated that a measure of improvement has been achieved, both to the structural condition of food premises and more effectual observance of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

All food premises are inspected regularly and provided with the necessary instruction, assistance and literature to assist in the campaign for wholesome food.

ICE CREAM

Five premises were registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the sale of ice cream, bringing the total number of premises registered in the District to forty-four.

FOOD INSPECTION

Corned beef	47 tins	Soup	1 tin
Pears	2 tins	Tomatoes	1 tin
Pilchards	8 tins	Sauce	1 tin
Stewed Steak	15 tins	Salmon	1 tin
Chopped Pork	3 tins	Jam	1 tin
Pineapple	97 tins	Ham	7 tins
Chicken	1 tin	Grapefruit	5 tins
Oranges	6 tins	Apricots	1 tin
Flour	140 lbs.	Peaches	72 tins
Sausage	33 lbs.	Beef	8 lbs.

PRODUCE MARKET

A satisfactory standard of hygiene has been maintained throughout the year in the produce market which is held every Friday.

INSPECTION OF MEAT

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed ..	1,169	441	1,163	6,481	3,654
Number inspected ..	1,169	441	1,163	6,481	3,654
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI:					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	6	7	15	21	46
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	756	387	26	621	400
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ..	56.0	89.0	3.5	9.95	12.1
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	1	1	—	—	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	7	—	—	—	76
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	0.68	0.23	—	—	2.20
CYSTICERCOSIS ONLY:					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	6	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	4	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—

17,445 lbs. of meat and 16,090 lbs. of offal were condemned.

MILK AND DAIRIES**Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949-53 :**

Number of milk distributors	7
Number of dairies (other than dairy farms)	4

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949-53 :**“Tuberculin Tested” Milk Dealers’ Licences :**

Number of principal licences	6
Number of supplementary licences	NIL

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949-53 :**“Sterilised” Milk Dealers’ Licences :**

Number of principal licences	NIL
Number of supplementary licences	2

“Pasteurised” Milk Dealers’ Licences :

Number of principal licences	NIL
Number of supplementary licences	2

The County Council have now taken over the registration under the above Acts.

EDUCATION ACT, 1944—54

Following a notice to the Education Department of the County Council, work has been completed to the Junior Schools. The work consisted of the provision of suitable sanitary accommodation (urinals), a supply of hot water to the wash hand basins and the complete renewal of the assembly hall floor.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937—59

One notice was received from H.M. Inspector of Factories regarding the sanitary accommodation to a local factory, and work has since been completed.

From 1st December, all factories formerly issued with a fire certificate by the District Council, will in future be issued with the necessary certificate by the County Council (Factories Act, 1959).

Several notices were served during the year, the majority of which have been complied with.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

URBAN DISTRICT OF WHITCHURCH IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	32	8	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	48	19	11	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	55	51	19	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	3	3	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ..	5	5	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	—	1	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	10	10	—	3	—

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1960

Water Supplies.

A large part of the District continues to be supplied with mains water taken in bulk from Liverpool Corporation trunk mains passing through the area. This part will be increased considerably in the near future to include the Parish of Welshampton. Sleaf, Cockshutt and Great Ness are supplied with mains water from boreholes and the Council's housing site water schemes have been extended for public use wherever possible. The first part of the Comprehensive Water Scheme for the District is now in hand in the Parish of Myddle. All preliminary site work for the reservoir has been completed and main laying is well advanced. Preliminary work on the remainder of the District is at an advanced stage.

Liverpool Corporation Supply.

Overall Consumption	29,200,000
No. of Domestic premises served	463
No. of Business premises served.....	164

Sampling.

No. of samples taken during year	54
No. unsatisfactory	35
No. satisfactory	19

Housing.

No. of houses inspected under Housing Acts	116
No. of notices served	12
No. remedied by informal action	2
No. of houses demolished by agreement	2
No. of houses closed	9

Slum Clearance.

This work continues mostly with individually unfit houses. The Council have submitted a revised scheme to the Minister of Housing and Local Government, which envisages the demolition and replacement with Council houses of some 144 houses over a period of five years.

Improvements Grants Scheme (Housing, Financial Provisions) and (House Purchase Act 1959).

This scheme continues to be operated and is in steady demand. With the extension of mains water it is expected to increase considerably.

Discretionary Grants.

No. of applications received	14
No. of applications approved	13
No. of works completed	11
No. of works in progress	21

Standard Grants.

No. of applications received	12
No. of applications approved	12
No. of works completed	9
No. of works in progress	10

Agricultural Dwellings.

No. of applications received	1
No. of applications approved	1
No. of works completed	2
No. of works in progress	1

Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Council treatment plants and private disposal works continue to be emptied and deslugged periodically by a service using purpose made vehicles on hire.

Work is continuing on the preparation of a scheme for sewerage and treatment of sewage for the whole District.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

This service comprises a fortnightly collection of domestic refuse from all Parishes and is operated by two driver loaders and one vehicle. Approximately 2,200 premises are served and demand increases steadily. Council refuse tips are treated by the staff for rodents and insect pests at regular intervals.

Rodent Control and Pests Acts.

This work is carried out by a full time operator, and consists mostly of contract work at agricultural premises. No charge is made for domestic treatments.

No. of premises treated under Contract	51
No. of premises inspected	125
No. of premises found infested	101
No. of premises treated by Council	70
No. of domestic premises treated (free)	23
No. of treatments to Council Premises	61

Petroleum Spirit Licensing.

All licensed premises are regularly inspected; several new licenses have been granted during the year.

No. of licensed premises	60
No. of new licenses	2
No. of visits to premises	70
No. of licenses discontinued	0
No. of licenses refused	0

Meat Inspection and Slaughterhouses.

There are two Slaughterhouses in the District. One is a large factory abattoir which requires the full time services of a meat inspector, who at times requires assistance. The other is a small Slaughterhouse run in conjunction with a country butchery business. This latter requires attendance twice weekly. Full inspection cover is provided. During the year, a report on Slaughterhouse Facilities in this area was prepared and submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Details of carcasses inspected and rejected are shown on the attached table.

Food Preparing Premises.

No. of food preparing premises	25
No. of inspections	53
No. still requiring alterations.....	6
No. work done	3
No. work proceeding	6

Other Food Premises.

No. of premises	32
No. of inspections	79
No. still requiring alterations	10
No. work done	8
No. work proceeding	10

Condemned Food (excluding meat and offals).

Small quantities of assorted foodstuffs weighing 123 lbs. were received by voluntary surrender and disposed of.

Ice Cream Premises.

There are no manufacturers in the District and all ice cream sold is pre-packed.

No. of ice cream retailers	21
No. of visits	27
No. of defects found	0

Milk and Dairies.

No. of milk distributors	5
No. of dairies (not dairy farms)	1
No. of principal licences issued	1
No. of supplementary licences issued.....	8

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

All moveable dwellings were visited regularly, and much work under recent legislation is in hand concerning these. There are two licensed commercial caravan sites in the area, one of which is non-residential.

Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning.

Some thirty-three visits were made to cases notified during the year.

MEAT INSPECTION
CARCASSES INSPECTED and REJECTED

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	10,289	279	2,938	2,768
Number inspected	10,289	279	2,938	2,768
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS :				
Whole carcasses condemned	754	131	254	128
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3,086	28	793	470
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	30%	10%	27%	17%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY :				
Whole carcasses condemned	79	5	—	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1,646	—	—	221
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	16%	—	—	8%
CYSTICERCOSIS :				
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	21	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by Refrigeration	2	—	—	—
Carcases totally condemned	—	—	—	—

**ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT
FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959**

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RURAL DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE IN THE COUNTY OF SALOP

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	15	17	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	40	63	4	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	2	2	—	—
TOTAL ..	57	82	4	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	5	5	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	1	1	—	1	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	2	1	—	3	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	3	3	3	—	—
TOTAL ..	11	10	3	4	—

WEM RURAL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1960 SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply.

The following are details of the Council's piped water supplies :—

Prees Waterworks.

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains.....	254
(a) direct to houses	215
(b) by means of standpipes	39
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	694
(a) direct to houses	577
(b) by means of standpipes	117

Higher Heath Waterworks.

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	149
(a) permanent	143
(b) temporary	6
2. Number of population supplied by mains (estimated)	390

Parts of the villages of Preston Brockhurst, Grinshill, Ash, Clive, Hadnall and Stanton are supplied by private undertakers, as follows :—

Acton Reynald Estate Supply, Preston Brockhurst and Grinshill

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	135
(a) direct to houses	114
(b) by means of standpipes	21
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	466

Duchy of Lancaster Supply, Ash

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	44
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	152

Meadowfield Farm Supply, Clive

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	116
(a) direct to houses	106
(b) by means of standpipes	10
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	402

Hardwicke Estate, Hadnall.

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	157
(a) direct to houses	122
(b) by means of standpipes	35
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	547

Harrourt Estate Supply, Stanton.

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	64
(a) direct to houses	61
(b) by means of standpipes	3
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	223

Shawbury.

84 Council Houses and 49 private properties receive a piped supply from the Air Ministry. The mains belong to the Rural District Council.

In addition the hamlets of Aston, Barkers Green and Tilley and the Council houses at Bridleway Gate obtain water in bulk from the Wem Urban District Council as under :—

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	91
(a) direct to houses	
1. permanent dwellings	70
2. temporary dwellings	1
(b) by means of standpipes (permanent dwellings)	20
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	316
(a) direct to houses	
1. permanent dwellings	244
2. temporary dwellings	1
(b) by means of standpipes (permanent dwellings)	71

Summary.

1. Total number of dwellings supplied from water mains	1143
2. Total population supplied from water mains (estimated)	3760

The number of houses with a piped supply from water mains constituted about 36% of the total number of houses in the district. The remaining houses obtain their water from boreholes and wells. Much of this water is of doubtful quality and in a large number of cases it has to be carried for some distance. Where the water is found to be of doubtful quality, consumers are advised to boil it before drinking.

Results of samples taken during the year of piped water supplies to Villages.

		No. of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli per 100 ml.
Prees	20.1.60	0	0
Duchy of Lancaster	13.7.60	180 plus	0
Higher Heath	13.7.60	0	0
Prees	13.7.60	0	0
Meadowfield	13.7.60	5	1
Acton Reynald	13.7.60	8	1
Hardwicke	13.7.60	5	0
Acton Reynald	27.7.60	50	Present
Duchy of Lancaster	3.8.60	50	1
Acton Reynald	10.8.60	180 plus	Present
Duchy of Lancaster	15.11.60	35	0
Hardwicke (Broughton)	23.11.60	180 plus	Present
Harcourt	23.11.60	35	0

64 samples were taken from private supplies during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The only public sewer in the district is at Higher Heath. Schemes are in preparation for the sewerage of Prees, Ash, Prees Heath, Tilstock, Clive, Grinshill and Yorton. It is hoped to begin work on the Prees scheme shortly.

Public Conveniences.

There is no public convenience in the district.

Swimming Baths.

There are two public swimming baths in the area. Both are of the open-air type, in use during the summer months only. In each case the water is supplied from a bore; it is regularly chlorinated and changed at weekly intervals.

No bacteriological samples were taken during the year.

Housing

Except for 6 hutments, all the inhabitants of the Anglo-Polish Camp, Higher Heath were rehoused during the year. 42 Council houses were under construction at the end of the year. When these are completed the Council will own a total of 534 houses. 37 privately owned houses were built during the year and 35 are in course of construction.

Slum Clearance.

During the year 59 dwellings have been dwelt with as follows :—	
Demolished	53
Closed	6

Moveable Dwellings.

Number of licences issued during the year	37
Number of inspections	87

Food.

1. Food Premises in Area.

Bakers	2
Butchers	3
Cafes and Restaurants	18
Dairies	1
Fried Fish Shops	1
Fishmongers	1
Grocers	29

2. Food Premises registered under Sec.16 Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Ice Cream Premises	33
Preserved Food Premises	1

Food Premises registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949—54
Dairies.

During the year the duty of licensing dairies was transferred to the County Council.

3. Registered Food Premises.

Number of inspections	37
Number of defects found	1
Number of defects remedied	1

(b) Other Food Premises.**Grocers**

Number of inspections	52
Number of defects found	1
Number of defects remedied	1

Bakehouses

Number of premises	2
Number of inspections	2

Hotels, Beerhouses and Cafes

Number of premises inspected	13
Number of defects found	0
Number of defects remedied.....	0

Cafes, Restaurants and Hotel Kitchens

Number of premises	18
Number of inspections	24
Number of defects found	1
Number of defects remedied	0

4. Educational Activity.

Clean Food Exhibitions were held at Shawbury and Prees in March.

5. Disposal of Condemned Food.

The small quantity condemned was buried on the Council's tips.

6. No special examination of food stocks was carried out during the year.**7. Ice Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations, 1947—53.**

All registered premises sell pre-packed ice cream only.

Slaughterhouses, Butchers and Meat Inspections.

There was only one Slaughterhouse licensed at the end of the year, the other having closed. One slaughterman was licensed. 98 visits were made to the Slaughterhouse and three butchers' shops in the district.

Carcases Inspected

	Cattle ex	Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	53	—	—	—	258	117	—
Number inspected	49	—	—	—	238	105	—
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci							
Whole carcasses condemned.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	—	—	—	—	0.84	—	—
Tuberculosis only							
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

2 lbs. of offal were condemned.

Food condemned during the year (excluding meat condemned at slaughter-houses).

Tinned Food.

Meat 17 lbs. 8½ oz.; Fish 7¾ oz.; Fruit 14 oz.

Infectious Diseases.

67 visits were made in connection with infectious diseases.

Food Poisoning.

There were no cases of food poisoning during the year.

Nuisances.

10 nuisances occurred during the year, 5 of which were abated. One Statutory Notice was served.

Verminous Premises.

No properties were found to be verminous.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses in the area.

Refuse Collection.

Refuse is collected by contract twice each month from approximately 2,500 properties. The service was considerably extended during the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following is a summary of work carried out under this Act by all members of the the staff :—

Annual Contracts	55
Single Treatments	22
Domestic Premises (treated free of charge)	40
Number of properties inspected	1759
(a) Premises belonging to the Local Authority.....	19
(b) Dwelling houses	327
(c) Agricultural premises	971
(d) Other premises, including business and industrial	442
Number of properties found to be infested with rats	431
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	0
Number of premises cleared of rats	386
Number of properties where rodent control was in progress by occupier at the end of the year	45

Our Rodent Operator was hampered to some extent by an outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

RURAL DISTRICT OF WEM IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	2	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	23	51	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	6	5	—	—
TOTAL ..	32	58	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases "

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	—	1	—	1	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	2	3	—	1	—

To prevent any differences between the lists kept respectively by the Local Authorities and H.M. Inspectors of Factories of the numbers of factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the Factories Act, 1937 are enforced by Local Authorities, it is requested that Local Authorities should compare their lists of factories with the lists kept by H.M. Inspectors of Factories.

i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103 (1), Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).



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